

REMARKS**Rejected Claims**

Applicants have cancelled all rejected claims, including those provisionally rejected. Applicants reserve the right to file these claims in a continuation application, thus continuing prosecution of these claims.

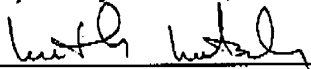
Objected to Claims

Applicants have rewritten the relevant objected to claims to independent form including all of the limitations of any base claims and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the remaining claims are allowable. Prompt issuance of the Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

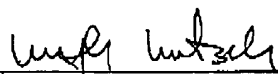

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